REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The above amendment has been made to remove multiple dependent claims. Also claim 9 has been amended to remove the non-statutory "use" language. Support for new claims 10 and 11 can be found in claim 6. Support for new claims 12-14 can be found in claims 7-9, respectively.

No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq. (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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